

VESTABURG

James Brown and son James went near Perrington Tuesday to visit at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Piffer returned from Toledo Monday evening accompanied by their grandson, Kenneth Atkinson.

A very pretty wedding took place Monday evening, January 4th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Woodward, when Oral Gorsuch, a brother of Mrs. Woodward, was wedded to Miss Mildred Gears. The ceremony was performed by B. F. Elliott, and only the immediate friends and relatives of the couple were present.

A wedding supper was served at the groom's home, immediately after the ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorsuch and the bride a daughter of Mrs. Jennie Gear.

A. J. Williams of Riverdale was a business caller Tuesday.

Jack Mobio of Riverdale was in town on business Tuesday.

Chester St. Peter returned from Saginaw Tuesday.

Claude Manley and wife of Riverdale were Tuesday evening visitors of Charles Marlin and wife.

Fred Trudell and niece, Beatrice Trudell returned from Pinconning on Tuesday evening.

Frank Hamlin of near Ithaca came Tuesday evening to visit his uncle, William Mallory and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Gorsuch were pleasantly surprised by Murphy's band Tuesday evening at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorsuch, where the bride and groom are making their home for the present. Luncheon was served by the hostess and all spent a very pleasant evening.

Another big public sale will be held at Vestaburg February 20th. If you have anything to sell list your articles with Thomas D. Meddick.

Attend the Farmers' Institute Tuesday, January 19th, and hear some good speakers.

Miss Winnie Howay of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. H. Greenhoe Tuesday.

Clayton Weist of near Crystal was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Mallory Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen of near Shepherd came Wednesday to visit her parents, Bert Waterbury and wife.

Emery Howard has returned from Gobleville where he has been visiting his parents.

Miss Lola Snook returned from Detroit Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manley and David Marlin, Seniors, went to St. Louis Friday to attend the funeral of the latter's sister's husband, William Scott.

Dance at the M. W. A. hall Friday evening, January 15th.

C. L. Nichols of Riverdale was in town Friday.

Mrs. N. M. Rockwell of Alma was a business caller Friday.

The Ladies' Aid met Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. Nickerson.

Mrs. B. Wood spent Wednesday in Ferris with Mrs. M. Chambers.

Elwood Pangburn returned from Alma Thursday evening.

The Current Topic Club met at the home of Mrs. T. Meddick, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Manley spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Manley.

Supervisor C. O. Sherwood went to Stanton Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greek of Butternut came Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Amos Smith.

Ernest Adams and son of Riverdale were in town Friday.

Herman Smith was in Butternut Thursday.

Charles Speaker of Alma called on Fred Reader Monday.

Will Beemish of Saginaw called on James Corder Monday.

E. Bayard was in Alma Friday.

P. Connor was in Alma Friday.

Miss Ruby Sprague returned to her teaching near Crystal Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Cook and daughter of Edmore are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs.

It has been reported that the telegraph office had been taken out of the Vestaburg station, but it is a mistake.

Mrs. S. Cox and children returned to their home in Saginaw Saturday evening after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Connor and other relatives.

Bert Bridwell went to Saginaw Saturday evening to see his wife, who is sick at the home of her sister.

Mrs. H. Zinn went to Lansing Saturday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Parmley.

Westley Duncan returned from Lansing Saturday evening.

Miss Inez Reed was a guest of Mrs. Burns of Stanton Saturday.

Miss Ruth Reed returned from Greenville Sunday evening to resume her teaching at the Skidmore school.

Mrs. L. M. Freeman and daughter, Mrs. Myrt Barrett, went to Lansing Wednesday to see the former's son-in-law, Elmer Pamel, who was quite seriously burned by a gasoline explosion while trying to thaw out a frozen water pipe at his home. They returned Saturday evening and report he was chiefly burned on his hands and from his waist down. Two ulcers have formed on his legs.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mangle entertained Sunday T. Caris, wife, son Earl and daughter Leona of Crystal; Fred Wadle, wife and son and Ralph Hall, wife and children of Ferris.

Charles Rhoades went to Ashley on Monday morning.

Archie Parmley went to Lansing Saturday to see his brother, Elmer Parmley.

Vestaburg camp No. 8674, M. W. of A., installed their officers for the ensuing year at their regular meeting Saturday evening. An oyster supper was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all present.

Jay Shuman finished Saturday at Ferris the cutting and skidding of about 130,000 feet of logs and started hauling them to Vestaburg Monday.

The Montcalm County Farmer's Institute is to hold its meeting at Woodmen hall, Vestaburg, Tuesday, January 19th. Many prominent speakers are to be present and topics of general interest to all farmers will be thoroughly discussed. Hon. James N. McBride of Burton, Michigan, will conduct the institute. The program is as follows:

Forenoon, 10 o'clock.
Introductory by President.
Music—Rev. W. E. Wheeler.
Prayer—Rev. W. E. Wheeler.
Address of Welcome—Thomas D. Meddick.
"Handling and Improving the Soil"—Hon. James N. McBride.
Discussion by H. F. Nelson, McBride, and James W. Robinson, Alma.
"Swine, Their Breeding and Care"—A. B. Stauffer, Vestaburg.
Discussion—Geo. F. Nickerson, Vestaburg.
Distribution of Question Blanks.
Afternoon 1:30 o'clock.
"Sheep on the Farm"—Hon. J. N. McBride.
Discussion—Ira Evans, Vestaburg.
Discussion—Frank Platt, Vestaburg.
Gathering in the questions.
"Poultry on the Farm"—W. J. Wilson, Vestaburg.
Discussion—B. F. Switzer, Vestaburg.
Discussion—Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, Vestaburg.
Evening 7:00 o'clock.
"The Farmer from an Economic Standpoint"—Hon. James N. McBride.
Discussion—J. E. Palmer, Vestaburg.
Discussion—Abram Snyder, Vestaburg.
Recitations—George Wilson, Vestaburg.
Music—Vestaburg Band.
FRED L. DEAN, President, Sheridan.
ROBT. J. THOMPSON, Secretary, Greenville.

Charles Ludwig of Carson City spent Saturday in Ithaca.

James P. Gibbs made a business trip to Saginaw Wednesday.

Jesse L. Barden spent the past week in Grand Rapids and Chicago attending the semi-annual furniture exhibitions.

Wilbur Carpenter was in North Star on business Saturday.

John Kern made a business trip to Alma Saturday.

John Addison spent the week end with his family at Elsie.

Wilbur Struble of Shepherd was an Ithaca visitor Saturday.

Mrs. George Spooner of North Star spent Monday at Ithaca.

Royal Munson of Ashley transacted business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fetty of Vernon visited last week at the home of J. T. Borton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Darcus of Vernon visited last week with Archie Wolter and family.

Cecil Allen and wife of Weidman visited last week at the home of Mrs. B. M. Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Blank and daughter Helen who recently removed from Ithaca to Fowlerville, spent the week-end with Ithaca friends. They have sold their residence here to F. H. McKay.

James Roberts made a business trip to North Star Monday.

Mrs. Warren A. Stahl, Mrs. Bert Seaver and Miss Mattie Seaver entertained Friday evening at 500, about 50 guests being present. A three-course luncheon was served and dainty favors of pink carnations were distributed.

Dan Altenburg of Detroit called on old friends here last week.

Mrs. A. P. Lane is visiting with relatives in Detroit.

Ben Eggeman, one of the high school faculty, is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Laura Kinsel is out of school this week because of illness.

Evening prayer meetings are being held at various homes in the village, preparatory for the general revival meetings which will open at all three Ithaca churches Sunday evening. Miss Gertrude Webster entertains the Epworth League at her home Wednesday evening.

Miss Minerva Allen is entertaining a friend from Ohio.

Neal Shaw is confined to his home by illness.

Paul Harrod has returned to Ithaca and will spend the coming season assisting his father, Joshua Harrod, the county surveyor.

Lena May, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch of Lafayette township, died after a month's illness, January 6th. Funeral services were held Friday, January 8th, Rev. C. L. Beebe of Ithaca officiating, and interment made in Lafayette cemetery.

Wheeler School

School opened Monday morning with an almost perfect attendance. All reported an exceptionally fine vacation.

Mazie Coleman spent the Xmas vacations with friends in St. Louis.

The Christmas entertainment held on Christmas eve at the M. E. church was a success.

The preliminary debate held in the High school room was won by the affirmative side. Another debate will be held Friday, January 15.

Mrs. White of Caro, Mich., visited in the intermediate room December 24.

Clinton Lippert visited school on Thursday, December 24, and gave the debaters some valuable hints on debating.

May Price is a new pupil in the primary room.

Carl, Kyle and Norman Yourey, Gladys and Frank Woodcock are absent on account of measles.

Margaret Story and Emma Phelps have entered school and are taking teachers' preparatory work.

Miss White failed to return to school Monday morning and Alfred Wolansky taught the intermediate room.

The following pupils of the primary room were neither absent nor tardy during the month of December: Leo Allen, Roy Allen, Verna Hammond, Melita Brazee, Melvin Hackett, Lyle Hackett, Lucile Powell, Marion Watson, Frank Woodcock, Gladys Woodcock, Wesley Quick, Ernest Baird, Hazel Gephart, Roy Gephart, Harry Gephart, Jennie Kenny, Beatrice Rich, Dale Partee, Muriel Clarke, Harold Needham, Norman Cooper, Florence Wick.

W. C. T. U.

A great day in congress has come and gone!

December 22, 1914 will stand out in history. The dawn of a new era for our loved land has been ushered in.

The Richard P. Hobson amendment was debated and voted upon.

A great scroll representing over 5,000,000 signatures to the resolutions sent to congress by the W. C. T. U. from all over the country, was fastened over the speaker's desk. One speaker said of it—"That scroll is simply a record of resolutions adopted at great public meetings. If the petitions themselves sent in were here, they would cover miles in length. These are a few of Hobson's words as he concluded the debate: "I know there is danger in confronting this

great and powerful enemy, but in time of war the good soldier does not stop because of danger. I would rather hold my head up and fight like a man, though I die a hundred political deaths. I would rather today do a man's part in the struggle to cut the millstone of degeneracy from the neck of humanity; I would rather do that than to be U. S. senator from Alabama, and if I know my own mind, I would rather do that than be president of the United States. I call on you, my colleagues to hold your heads up in the face of this enemy and be men. In the name of your manhood, in the name of your patriotism, in the name of all that is held dear by good men, in the name of our institutions, our country, in the name of humanity and humanity's God, I call on you to join hands with me and each one do his full duty." The final vote was taken, each man answering to his name when the roll was called, the vote resulted 197 in favor of the Hobson resolution and 189 against.

It is expected that the amendment senate.

R. R. Employees for Prohibition.

The Independent Order of Railroad Employees, at a recent convention in Reading, Pa., passed a resolution favoring all legislation, state or national, which has a tendency to prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

Scotland Falling Into Line.

According to the press, the thoughtful people of Scotland are eagerly attending meetings held simultaneously in large centers of population "to urge upon the government the desirability of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors during the war, or for an experimental period of six months, and of appointing a commission to watch the results and to make recommendations regarding the equitable treatment of license holders and their employees." It looks as if the land of the thistle might smite its own blow at the liquor traffic.

The Francis Willard Union held a very pleasant and instructive session last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walton, with Mrs. Clow as leader of the parliamentary drill work.

FARMERS' WEEK AT M. A. C.

Two thousand farmers are expected to attend the corn and grain show, to be held at the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing this week. The exhibition will be given January 14 and 15.

At about the same time the session of the Michigan Improved Livestock Breeders' and Feeders' association, and the Michigan State Sheep Breeders' association organized during the past few months will take place.

Yes, I'm Going to Move as Advertised

Everything has been arranged to give me possession of the new store by February 15th, and the Big Removal Sale will be continued until that date.

Nothing reserved. Prices cut everywhere in the store. We are going to sell the entire stock before we move.

All Overcoats } Cut Exactly } All
All Sweaters } 1/3 } Winter Caps
All Trousers } } All Mackinaws

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to buy new merchandise at a real saving.

FRED SLATER

MEN'S WEAR

Remember the new location—the D. W. Robinson store east of Crandell & Scott.

STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES CROP REPORT.

The Department of State has just issued the following crop report:

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in December at 72 flouring mills was 142,037

and at 89 elevators and to grain dealers 197,324, or a total of 339,361 bushels. Of this amount 228,535 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 94,635 in the central counties and 16,191 in the northern counties and Upper Peninsula. The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in the five months, August-December, was 6,500,000.

Fifty mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in December.

The average condition of live stock in the State is reported as follows, comparison being made with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition:

Horses and swine 97, cattle 96 and sheep 98.

The average prices for the State on January 1st of some of the principal farm products were as follows:

Wheat per bushel was \$1.09; rye, 94 cents; corn 68 cents; oats 46 cents; hay per ton was \$11.86; fat cattle was \$6.46 per cwt.; fat hogs \$6.67 per cwt., and dressed pork \$8.79 per cwt.

The price of each class of horses was as follows: Under one year old \$54.24; between one and two years old \$89.44; between two and three years old \$130.16 and three years old and over \$167.60.

Milch cows were worth \$62.18 per head. Cattle other than milch cows, under one year old \$18.59; between one and two years old \$32.24; between two and three years old \$47.42 and three years old and over \$58.90.

Sheep under one year old \$4.19 and one year old and over \$5.15. Hogs not fattened \$6.15 per cwt.

On January 1st, 1905, the average price of wheat per bushel was \$1.09,

33 cents; hay \$8.86 per ton; fat cattle \$3.17, fat hogs \$4.18 and dressed pork \$5.49 per cwt. Horses under one year old, \$33.50; between one and two years old, \$54.50; between two and three years old, \$80.51 and three years old and over \$112.07.

Milch cows were worth \$29.28 per head. Cattle other than milch cows, under one year old \$9.06; between one and two years old, \$15.16; between two and three years old, \$23.45 and three years old and over \$30.70. Sheep under one year old, \$3.30, and one year old and over, \$3.83; hogs not fattened \$3.73 per cwt.

STATE RECEIVES LARGE FEE.

The New York Central Railroad company paid into the state treasury \$150,000.50 on the authorized capital stock of \$300,000,000. The \$150,000 was for the articles allowing the merger with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road and the 50 cents was for filing the papers.

County Seat News

W. A. Bahlke of Alma was at Ithaca Monday on legal business.

Bert G. Davis of Elm Hall transacted business here Monday.

Lewis K. Kirby of Ashley was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Parker entertained twenty members of the Ladies' Social club at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. John B. Rowell is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Mattie Seaver of Pompeii spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Warren A. Stahl.

Geo. F. Richard and family left Tuesday morning for St. Andrew's Bay, Fla., where they will spend the next few months, returning in May after which they will reside on their farm near Traverse City.

Roy Curtis of Breckenridge made a business trip to Buffalo this week.

Royal Munson of North Star has removed his family to Ashley, and he will be employed there in the elevator.

Mrs. John Adamek of North Star spent Monday here.

John Hatfield of Ashley was at Ithaca on business Tuesday.

Charles Porter of Detroit was an Ithaca visitor Wednesday.

F. M. Lotridge of Owosso transacted business here Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Frise of North Star was an Ithaca shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. F. L. Howard of Detroit, who spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beasley, at Ithaca, left Friday for a short visit with Mrs. George Eggleston and other friends in Grand Rapids, before returning home.

A. S. Barber and wife have gone to Pensacola, Fla., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Geisenhefer, of North Star are the parents of a baby daughter.

Mrs. Leslie Reeves, who has been confined to her home several weeks by illness is convalescent.